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Greetings,

The Department of Ecology is holding a series of Puget Sound Nutrient Forum meetings to collaboratively develop a plan to address nutrient sources in the Puget Sound.

The next Puget Sound Forum meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday May 30th from 10:00am – 3:00pm at the Red Lion Seattle Airport (18220 International Blvd, SeaTac, WA). We had an amazing turnout in April and we heard from many of you that a webex style connection would be helpful, so we will be offering you the option to attend remotely. For those attending in person, we encourage you to arrive between 9:30am – 10:00am so that you can settle in before we begin promptly at 10:00am. We will be taking an hour break for lunch. For those attending in person, there is a restaurant at the Red Lion (and several nearby restaurants) or feel free to bring your own lunch.

The topics we will cover at this meeting include:

- Sharing the big picture of what's going on with nutrient over-enrichment in Puget Sound;
- Discussing Ecology's regulatory backstop for determining water quality compliance;
- Continued discussion on the relationship between the Marine WQ Implementation Strategy and the Nutrient Forum efforts; and
- Discussing Ecology's planned "next steps" for the Nutrient Forum effort, including meeting topics and schedules for the next several months.

To help us plan, we are asking you to register online (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/May30NutrientForum>) and let us know if you will be attending in person or via webex so that we can make sure we have the meeting room set up appropriately. The webinar registration link is embedded in the online registration. Those of you who register for online attendance will receive a subsequent email with link and login information.

I would also like to remind you to send me your completed questionnaires as soon as possible so that we can prepare the draft Forum schedule. We have also posted the presentation and will be adding other documents from the April 25th Forum on the project web page (<https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Puget-Sound/Helping-Puget-Sound/Reducing-Puget-Sound-nutrients>).

Next week, we will be sending you a document describing our water quality standards and criteria for dissolved oxygen for you all to read and prepare for the May 30th discussion. A more detailed agenda will also be sent out before the meeting to help you plan your time.

Regarding notifications, I have sent this message out to several broad email lists in an effort to reach out to everyone who may be interested in the Puget Sound Nutrient efforts. To avoid sending you all the same notice through different channels in the future, I will begin to use the Puget Sound nutrient/DO listserv as the primary distribution list after we get through the May meeting.

And finally, here are a few more links to additional information you may be interested in:

Ecology's 'Nitrogen in Puget Sound' Story Map: <http://www.bit.ly/nitrogenstorymap>

Puget Sound Institute's recent article about nutrient over-enrichment in Puget Sound: <https://www.eopugetsound.org/magazine/is/nutrients>

Puget Sound Partnership's webpage about Implementation Strategies: <http://www.psp.wa.gov/implementation-strategies.php>

Hope you are all enjoying our amazing spring weather,

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Puget Sound Nutrient Source Reduction Project web page:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Puget-Sound/Helping-Puget-Sound/Reducing-Puget-Sound-nutrients>

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